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Happy New Year!

and snow-filled felicitations! I believe this is our 4th snowstorm (1/3/96) of the season, and how awesome has it been so far!? Lovely!

While you may be writing your Christmas and holiday thank you notes, RVAA has some heartfelt THANK YOUs to give out. First--to Corinne Kenney, our very able Holiday Collection Chairwoman. Corinne had ever so much co-ordinating, arranging rack and other space, and show sitting to do. The results are in: 26 artists participated in the Members' Show and Holiday Collection, with eight artists selling 13 works for a total of \$774, ie, average sale \$59. Additional work (bookmarks, calendars, jewelry made by the show sitters) took in another \$162. Grand total \$936. with \$93.60 to go to the Somerset County Library. Not too bad for this economy! Our thanks go to Dorris Terris for publicity. And to Treasurer Marian Cornwell who is tabulating this and writing our checks. And of course to Elsa Herrmann, who ran the Fall Members' Show (part of this annual December Extravaganza) Elsa created another lovely Show Cover; she has been doing this for as long as I can remember, and I always enjoy them. Elsa has the following list of Award Winners:

BEST IN SHOW which means the Gold Grumbacher Medal--Linda Beazley

Professional, under glass: First--Ruth Wilson

Second--Elsa Herrmann

Third--Debbie Tintle

Non-Pro, under glass:

First--Carol Churchill

Second--Marian Cornwell

Third--Walter Mihalek

Non-Pro, not under glass:

First--Debbie Hughes

Second--Nancy Schuman

Third--Eleanor Leuthauser

Honorable Mention--Colette LeMay

Heartiest CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners!

As for our annual dinner at the Main Street Restaurant, our thank yous go to Nona Rutter for taking care of everything. Fantastic food and company, and an excellent program by Tim Gaydos, which was arranged by

Debbie Tintle. Thank you, Debbie! And thanks to our President Ed Golubiewski, who in a completely unprecedented, and quite wonderful way, thanked all his officers and helpers, not just verbally, but with handsome carved ducks and birds, each one different, each one a true work of art, created by Ed himself. (and you know how long it takes to carve such beauty; my lovely scaup is residing on, and giving extra class, to our piano)

Our next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 22nd, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library. Program Chairperson Debbie Tintle has asked me to do a watercolor, perhaps something to do with Australia and/or New Zealand, since (Shawn and I spent a month there June/July '95. So, I will and I'll bring NZ and Aussie photo albums and "artifacts" too. We can have a "down under" night. (wish I could promise "shrimp on the bar-B" or Crocodile Dundee).

ATTENTION! President Ed Golubiewski requests a volunteer Chairperson for RVAA's annual bus trip to N.Y.C. Amy Wiedemann has been doing a good job of it the last couple of years, but is now stepping down. Ed will give you all the details and it only involves one bus trip. Please phone Ed at 356-9091.

Upcoming juried show-Skylands Art Exhibit;1-4 slides due Feb.15;show March 20-25. Portfolios of 20 pieces may be shown all through show, whether or not your work(s) are accepted. Show is at the Lake Mohawk Country Club in Sparta. Send SASE for prospectus to Skylands Art Exhibit, Sussex Cnty Arts & Heritage Council, P.O. Box 275, Lafayette, NJ 07848. \$1,100. in awards.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Kathy Detrano has a one-woman show currently at the United National Bank in Oldwick, through the end of January.

Elsa Herrmann was accepted, through jurying process in N.Y.C., into the American Artists Professional League, now to be an active member of the N.J. chapter.

Speaking of the AAPL, RVAA member Sonja Weir has been the untiring and creative President of the N.J. Chapter of the American Artists Professional League for the past four years. As Sonja retires from the Presidency this year (though she's still working on AAPL Board), your RVAA editor thought mention should be made of all Sonja's hard work (eg. working on each AAPL exhibit, writing and having printed each Newsletter, plus regular pres. stuff)

Corinne Kenney had her watercolor "The Bike" accepted into the juried Hunterdon Art Center's annual Members' Show which is at the Center in Clinton, January 14--February 25.

Joan McKinney had her painting selected for the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Club Nat'l Juried Exhibit in N.Y. City where she was awarded the Catherine T. Ballantyne Memorial Award. Joan also had a painting accepted in the Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum, and received the Most Popular Painting Award at St. John on the Mountain Show in the form of a commemorative glass bowl. Joan also won First in the Hacketstown Arts Festival--St. James and also the Joan Day Memorial Award in the juried Tewksbury Art Festival.

And so, amidst a flurry of snowflakes, crystallized ice formations hanging from branches, and the warm glitter and glow of our Christmas tree, I call to you--"Paint snow! Paint snow!"